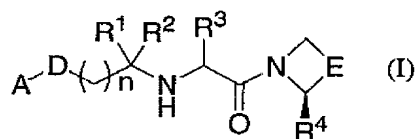


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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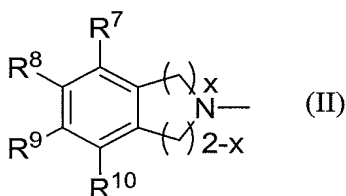
1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the general formula (I):



wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or $-\text{COOR}^5$ whereupon R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or R^1 and R^2 , together with a carbon atom to which they are bound, represent a 3- to 6-membered cycloalkyl group, R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group, R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or a cyano group, D represents $-\text{CONR}^6-$, $-\text{CO}-$ or $-\text{NR}^6\text{CO}-$, R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, E represents $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$ or $-\text{SCH}_2-$, n is an integer of 0 to 3, and A represents an optionally substituted 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group containing nitrogen in the 5-membered ring of the bicyclic heterocyclic group, with the proviso that A is not substituted with any heteroaryl or heterocyclic group.

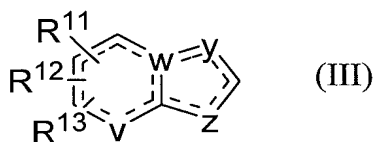
3. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein in the general formula (I), each of R^1 and R^2 is a methyl group, R^3 is a hydrogen atom, R^4 is a cyano group, D is $-\text{CONH}-$ or $-\text{CO}-$, E is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, and n is 1 or 2.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CO-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic alicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein x is an integer of 0 to 2, R^7 , R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group.

5. (Original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CONH-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:

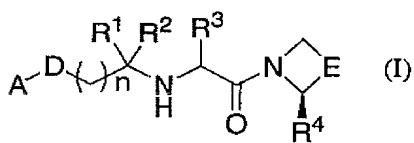


wherein \equiv represents a single or double bond, at least one of y, z, v and w is an oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atom, R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} may be substituted on any hydrogen atoms on the ring, are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoroacetyl group, an oxo group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group, or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group.

6. (Original) The compound according to claim 5, wherein 1 to 3 groups out of y, z, v and w in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms, and the remainder is a carbon atom.

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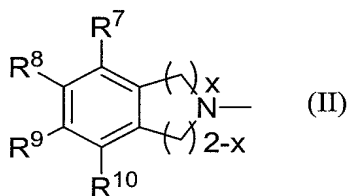
11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 5, wherein y in the formula (III) is nitrogen atom and each of w, x and z is a carbon atom.
12. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 5, wherein v, w and y in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms and z is a carbon atom.
13. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising as an active ingredient a compound represented by the general formula (I):



wherein R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or $-\text{COOR}^5$ whereupon R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, or R^1 and R^2 , together with a carbon atom to which they are bound, represent a 3- to 6-membered cycloalkyl group, R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group, R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or a cyano group, D represents $-\text{CONR}^6-$, $-\text{CO}-$ or $-\text{NR}^6\text{CO}-$, R^6 represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, E represents $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$ or $-\text{SCH}_2-$, n is an integer of 0 to 3, and A represents an optionally substituted 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group containing nitrogen in the 5-membered ring of the bicyclic heterocyclic group, with the proviso that A is not substituted with any heteroaryl or heterocyclic group.

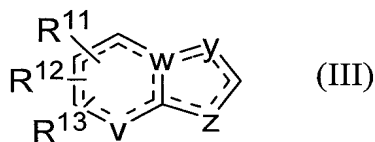
14. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, wherein in the general formula (I), each of R^1 and R^2 is a methyl group, R^3 is a hydrogen atom, R^4 is a cyano group, D is $-\text{CONH}-$ or $-\text{CO}-$, E is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, and n is 1 or 2.

15. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CO-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic alicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein x is an integer of 0 to 2, R^7 , R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group or an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group.

16. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14, wherein in the general formula (I), D is -CONH-, and A is a 6-5-system bicyclic heterocyclic group represented by the following formula:



wherein \equiv represents a single or double bond, at least one of y, z, v and w is an oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atom, R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} may be substituted on any hydrogen atoms on the ring, are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoroacetyl group, an oxo group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkyl group, an optionally substituted C1-6 alkoxy group, or an optionally substituted C6-10 aryl group.

17. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, wherein 1 to 3 groups out of y, z, v and w in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms, and the remainder is a carbon atom.

18. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, wherein y in the formula (III) is a nitrogen atom and each of w, x and z is a carbon atom.
19. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, wherein v, w and y in the formula (III) are nitrogen atoms and z is a carbon atom.
20. (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 13, which is for treatment of diabetes and/or diabetic complications.